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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 15 June 2016 requesting the following information:

- 1. Who approved the program? When did it begin?*
- 2. How many Royal Marines have been embedded to date? What are their ranks?*
- 3. To which USMC bases in Japan were they deployed? (If the answer is the umbrella station, "Camp Butler", which individual camps were they stationed upon e.g. "Camp Hansen" or "Camp Foster"?)*
- 4. While in Japan, what training did they conduct?*
- 5. How many Royal Marines will be deployed on this program in 2016-'17?'*

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you have requested and taking your questions in order:

Q1. Who approved the program? When did it begin?

A1. The Commandant Marine Corps and Commandant General Royal Marines approved the programme and it commenced in January 2015.

Q2. How many Royal Marines have been embedded to date? What are their ranks?

A2. 2 Royal Marine Lieutenants.

Q3. To which USMC bases in Japan were they deployed? (If the answer is the umbrella station, "Camp Butler", which individual camps were they stationed upon e.g. "Camp Hansen" or "Camp Foster"?)

A3. They were deployed to Camp Schwab which is associated with Camp Hansen.

Q4. While in Japan, what training did they conduct?

A4. They conducted jungle and range training.

Q5. How many Royal Marines will be deployed on this program in 2016-'17?

A5. None.

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Yours sincerely

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